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Re Application of :

Jagath L. KADURUGAMUWA *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/370,860

Filed: August 9, 1999

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) Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

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For: **NOVEL VACCINES AND
PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS USING
MEMBRANE VESICLES OF
MICROORGANISMS, AND
METHODS FOR PREPARING SAME**

New York, New York
September 20, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Box CPA
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment together with the CPA filed concurrently herewith are presented in view of a telephonic Examiner's Interview conducted on September 19, 2001 between the Examiner and the undersigned. The following amendments are presented in an effort to bring the claims in condition for allowance based on the discussion with the Examiner.

The shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action of March 23, 2001 expired on June 23, 2001. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be

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